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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Paul P. Price, Jr., and I currently serve as the chairman for the Board of Commissioners of Franklin Parish Hospital Service District #1 d/b/a Franklin Medical Center. As with every service district, it is a political subdivision and therefore subject to the provisions of the Louisiana Code of Ethics.

Franklin Medical Center has long been an advertiser in the *Powerlines* newsletter sponsored by Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative. The newsletter serves as a community information piece for the electrical co-op members in seven parishes. The advertising arrangement is currently \$250 total for the placement of 6 ads over the course of the calendar year. The advertising and marketing for Franklin Medical Center regardless of the channel or medium is under the discretion of the hospital administrator rather than the Board of Commissioners.

I have recently been approached about taking on an editorial role with the newsletter on a contract basis. While this would be a paid engagement, it does not involve the design, sale, or marketing for advertisement in the newsletter.

I am seeking an opinion in an effort to determine if my taking on this position as editor would create any sort of difficulties with the Code of Ethics should Franklin Medical Center continue its existing relationship with the Co-op newsletter without any change in the historical rates of advertising.

Should the above require any clarification or elaboration, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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